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EARTH MONTH

APRIL 2014



Earth Day is the annual celebration of the environment and a time to assess the work needed to protect the natural gifts of our planet. In the United States, it affirms that environmental awareness is part of the country's consciousness and that the idea of protecting the environment - once the province of a few conservationists - has moved from the extreme to the mainstream of American thought.

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earth day 2014
paint the town green

Earth Day 2014: Paint the Town Green *eJournalUSA, Department of State*

Cities, though crowded by people, cars and buildings, lead U.S. environmental efforts. They have become labs for policies designed to mitigate climate change, arrest suburban sprawl and reverse environmental degradation.

Read More: <http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/st/english/publication/2014/01/20140123291549.html#ixzz30oTRY9Wh>



One Person Can Make a Greener Difference *Bureau of International, Information Programs (IIP), Department of State*

From business leaders to celebrities and youth, individual activists are making a greener difference.

James Cameron, Green Director <http://goo.gl/P0u20L>

Leonardo DiCaprio, Actor and Environmentalist <http://goo.gl/t3mm6T>

Ted Turner, Private Conservationist <http://goo.gl/VyhZCk>

Cassandra Lin, Don't Dump the Cooking Grease: Help Keep People Warm <http://goo.gl/KjPJ4j>



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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

MARCH 2014

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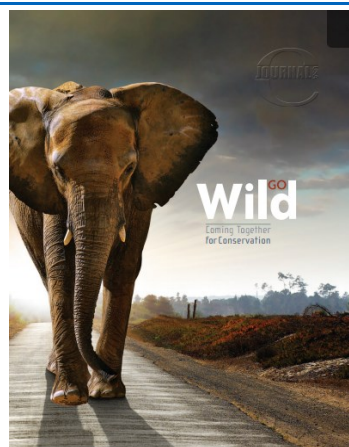


Greening the Empire State

IIP Video, Department of State

Planting trees and recycling can help reduce climate change, but another way to make an impact on climate is through green building – building our homes, office spaces, hotels and other buildings in a way that lowers our impact on the Earth's resources and environment.

Watch here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QKnxDclUfdY&feature=youtu.be>

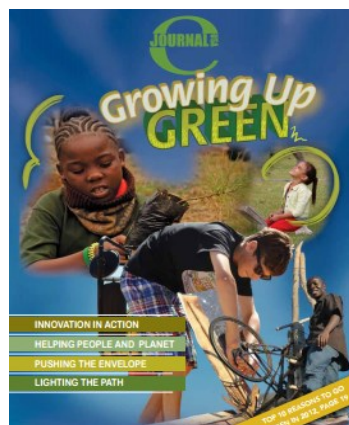


Go Wild! Coming Together for Conservation

eJournalUSA, Department of State

Every year, thousands of animal species become extinct. Animals that once roamed the Earth in abundance are permanently disappearing from our planet at a heart-stopping pace. Scientists estimate that the current rate of extinction is 1,000 times greater than it would normally be because of one factor. What has caused this rapid rise in extinctions? The alarmingly simple answer: humans.

Read more: <http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/st/english/>



Growing Up Green

eJournalUSA, Department of State

In 1992, representatives from 172 nations — including 108 heads of state — and more than 24,000 representatives from nongovernmental organizations gathered in Rio de Janeiro for the first United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, or Rio Earth Summit.

Read more: <http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/st/english/publication/2012/02/20120227130027yelhsa0.3361322.html#ixzz30ob9PIPS>



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ELIBRARY USA RESOURCES

GREENR



GREENR (Global Reference on the Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources) contains information and topic guides on environmental and energy issues. This resource can be accessed at American Spaces in the Philippines.

Read more: <http://elibraryusa.state.gov/databases/GREENR>



Filmakers Library Online

Filmakers Library Online features films about environmental issues. This resource can be accessed at American Spaces in the Philippines. Click Browse Topics, then scroll to environmental issues for a list of films. You can filter results by more specific subjects.

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Design Other 90

Smithsonian's Cooper-Hewitt Design Museum creates a website featuring design-based solutions to environmental and energy issues from regions around the world.

Read More: <http://www.designother90.org/>



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